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23 June 1958

**Equipment Board**

Meeting number 6 of the Equipment Board was held on 4 June 1958 at 1400 hours in Room 2035 "I" Building. Present were:



\* Part-time

**I. Old Business**

1. The Minutes of Meeting number 5 (CPL 8-017) were approved with the following changes:

a. Page 2, paragraph II, 1. a. (2) should be changed to read: "Mr. [REDACTED] will take no action on the placement of the AS-4 presently located at [REDACTED] until the special committee on planning for AS-4 and AS-4A equipments makes its report to the Board."

b. Page 2, paragraph II, 1. b.: Delete AS-5.

c. Page 3: Delete paragraph 5.

2. Concepts of Unattended Equipment for Comint and Elint Intercept.

a. [REDACTED] mentioned several problems in the field of unattended equipment for Comint and Elint intercept. [REDACTED] purpose in introducing these problems was to present SPD equipment concepts, techniques, priorities, etc., to the Board. He expressed the belief that the Board should know the magnitude of all of the research and development groups within the Office in order to widen the horizons of the Equipment Board.

b. The Board acknowledged the validity of [REDACTED] statements and 25X1A concurred in the concepts expressed.

3. Report on AS-4 and AS-4A Equipment.

a. [REDACTED] introduced to the meeting the recommendations and findings of the committee on planning for AS-4 and AS-4A equipment. This report is forwarded as an attachment to these minutes.

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b. It was agreed that at the present time the Office of Communications does not have a high volume requirement. On the basis of this, [REDACTED] moved that the Committee's report be accepted in principle and the interim placement of the AS-4's which are not covered in the report be decided by OC-O&T and OC-E. This was approved.

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c. [REDACTED] announced that certain refinements to the AS-4A have developed during the testing of the equipment.

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d. Since the question of band widths is becoming more of a problem, Mr. [REDACTED] stated that OC-E is preparing a chart entitled "Band Widths Versus Intelligence", which will equate the band widths of the various systems.

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e. The Board approved the purchase of drawings of the AS-4A. This approval was given in view of the availability of FY-1958 funds in the Engineering budget, and the possibility that another element of the Government will eventually share the benefits as well as the expense. Also, the purchasing of these drawings now would save approximately eight months in getting AS-4A's.

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4. AS-5. [REDACTED] said he was preparing a paper on the AS-5 which will be distributed soon. This paper should be reviewed by the individual members of the Board and will be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the Equipment Board.

5. VC-1 Signal Center Vans. It was agreed that this item be tabled until the next meeting at which time OC-O&T will present information on the VC-1's with the emphasis on numerical requirements.

6. RS-13. [REDACTED] moved that the Board approve the redevelopment of the RS-13 at the research and development lab. When this has been accomplished, the contractor will be approached for a cost estimate. The Board will then consider a recommendation for production quantities.

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The meeting was adjourned at 1700 hours. The next meeting of the Board will be held on 2 July 1958. Items for the agenda should be forwarded to the undersigned by 25 June 1958.

[REDACTED]  
Recording Secretary

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